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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed October 24, 2000, in the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows. The appropriate forms for filing of a continuing prosecution application and for a petition for an extension of time for one month, up to and including February 24, 2001, and the appropriate fee for a small entity, are enclosed with this response.

In the Claims

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1. (Twice amended) A polymeric composition for enhancing transport through [lipid-containing] membranes comprising  
a first pH-sensitive polymer which is not hydrophobic at [about pH 7.4] a first pH, but which is hydrophobic and disrupts a [lipid-containing] membrane at a second pH [between about